

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)


- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.
(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
 - 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
 - 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

-  **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- Caring for Brothers and Sisters in Christ", please remember to send your
- Please join us **today** after service for a **Bible Study** led by Bill Kuschel titled **"Taking a closer look at Holy Week.**
- "Brother" or "Sister" a card in April with some encouraging words to brighten their day, and continue to pray for him/her.
- We have purchased a new **Convection oven** and are looking for donations to help cover cost. If interested, please note on your offering envelopes. Thank you
- **CAMP OMEGA is looking for Summer Counselors.** If you are 18 years old or older, enjoy being outdoors and love to work with kids and want to share the LOVE of Jesus Christ with them, then this job is for you!! Pleases reach out to Camp Omega, go online to fill out an application or contact the Church office for assistance.
- **Thank you** to Hannah LaCroix for sharing her time and talents with us this evening on her flute.

HOLY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023

AS WE GATHER

We begin the three-day journey that traces our Lord's exodus as He led His people from death to life through the depths of the earth. In II Chronicles, we read how the Israelite exodus from Egypt was to be celebrated. God's people were to commemorate it and God's Sinai covenant in the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. King Hezekiah did a lot of preparation to observe the Passover, but his efforts were overlooked and forgotten by the time of his successor. In Christ, the "son" of Hezekiah, though, His preparation made sure that everyone is welcome to come for the forgiveness He won for us and the new life He promises.

The Lord is eager to come into our presence in the Sacrament of His body and blood. So we hasten to His Passover. Hurry up! The salvation of God is at hand. Come to His Table; it is prepared. Come soon and come often. Whether you have been to communion every week for year after year or whether you have been away for many years like the Judeans in Hezekiah's day, let us rejoice tonight.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: "Hosanna Loud Hosanna"

[LSB 443]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Hebrews 9:11–12*

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we look at our lives and conduct, though, we find sin and rebellion. Worse, we cannot free ourselves by our own strength. "But when Christ appeared as a high priest . . . He entered once for all into the holy places . . . by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption."

Let us therefore confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I am a poor, miserable sinner. In Your boundless mercy, hear my sincere repentance and for the sake of Your Son's giving Himself over to suffering and death on my behalf, be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is God's?

People: Yes.

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have promised mercy and every blessing in Your gracious eternal covenant.

People: **Grant that we may in true faith receive our Savior's body and blood in this Holy Meal and show forth in our lives and conduct His rule in forgiveness and mercy;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Passion Reading 6

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

[LSB 436]

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various needs. For ourselves, that we treasure the promises of God made to His people in the past and to us today, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who come to the Lord's Table this day seeking peace in their hearts, that God's mercy and love would enable them to rejoice in the forgiveness, life, and salvation that our gracious Savior offers here, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of the bitter sufferings, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

✱ SACRAMENT ✱

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly gave His own body and shed His own blood to assure us in the eternal covenant of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:1–3; Matthew 21:9, adapted*

Pastor: In the year that King Uzziah died Isaiah saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

People: **“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: As we respond to His gracious invitation and joyfully gather in His name, we pray You to strengthen our faith until that day when, with all the faithful, You welcome us to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed....

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13* **Our Father who art in heaven...**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29, adapted

Pastor: John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: **grant us peace; grant us peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"In Remembrance"

"O Living Bread From Heaven"

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

[Sr. Choir]

[LSB 642]

[LSB 623]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR *Psalm 22 (1-19)*

The congregation departs in silence.

Passion Reading 6

LEADER: When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. They said to one another:

MEN: "Let us not tear it. Let us decide by lot who will get it."

LEADER: This happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled which said,

WOMEN: "They divided my garments among themselves and cast lots for my clothing."

LEADER: So this is what the soldiers did. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying,

CONGREGATION: "You who are going to destroy the temple and built it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

LEADER: In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him:

CONGREGATION: "He saved others, but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

WOMEN: One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him:

MEN: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

WOMEN: But the other criminal rebuked him. He said:

LEADER: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

MEN: "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

LEADER: Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother:

MEN: "Dear woman, here is your son."

LEADER: And to the disciple:

MEN: "Here is your mother."

LEADER: From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

WOMEN: At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

LEADER: "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*"

WOMEN: -- which means:

MEN: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

LEADER: When some of those standing nearby heard this, they said:

CONGREGATION: "Listen, he is calling Elijah."

LEADER: Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said,

MEN: "I am thirsty."

LEADER: A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said:

MEN: "It is finished."

LEADER: Jesus called out with a loud voice:

MEN: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

WOMEN: With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

LEADER: At that moment the curtain of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed:

CONGREGATION: "Surely he was the Son of God!"

LEADER: When all the people who had gathered to witness this site saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.



1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,

The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

"Hosanna" is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.

"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

- 4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.

2 My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.

4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.